## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	) ) )
v.	) Criminal No. 05-10102-JLT )
JOHN BRUENS, MARY STEWART, MARC SIROCKMAN, MELISSA VAUGHN	) ) )
Defendants.	) ) )

## GOVERNMENT'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTION ON GOOD FAITH

The United States of America, by its attorney, Michael J. Sullivan, United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, opposes the defendants' request for a good faith jury instruction (Defendants' Supp. Request 31).

Such an instruction is not applicable in this case because there has been absolutely no evidence presented that any of the defendants acted in good faith, including no evidence of their subjective beliefs or opinions. The instruction as written forces the government to prove a negative, and is inappropriate and will tend to confuse the jury.

The government suggests that its proposed instructions on "knowingly" and "willfully" suffice to establish the proper guidance to the jury on the intent issue.

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